

COUNTRY Poland

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Polish Troops in Warsaw

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EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT prior to 6 June 1952

DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 5 December 1952

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25X1 1. [redacted] the first time an emplacement of four 37-mm AA guns in Warsaw near a railroad bridge across the Vistula River. [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] they had not been there prior to May 1952.

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2. Prior to November 1951, a barracks installation quartering a motorized militia unit was located in the Warsaw town district of Praga on the west side of ul. Modlinska and north of the railroad line which crossed the Liniia Obwodowej bridge from the west.¹ Adjoining this militia barracks installation on the north was a three-story building with a loading ramp which served as a supply depot for convict and interned camps and was guarded by two, KBW sentries.¹

3. Another supply depot fronting Gen. Swierczewskiego, Plantowa, Stalowa and Szwedzka Streets was in the Targowek town district. Its four one-story sheds had loading ramps for trucks and railroad cars and were in the north-east section of the area. They stored all kinds of rations which were collected by military or civilian trucks. The premises were guarded by Informacja men who wore caps with light red bands and collar patches of the same color.

4. Fort Traugutta, north of the center of the city, was used as supply depot of the KBW. Trucks and sentries of the KBW were repeatedly seen.²

5. Prior to November 1951, a Polish unit wearing red cap bands was billeted in the barracks installation in the Praga town district between ul. Targowa and Al. Stalingradzka. Polish worker stated the unit quartered there was an infantry battalion. [redacted] the headquarters of this unit was on ul. Rakowiecka. The fully motorized unit had Soviet jeeps and sedans and was armed with submachine guns or pistols. The officers of this unit allegedly had authority over all members of the Polish Armed Forces including field officers.²

6. Another police unit, designated Police No 9, which was independent of the UB and the KBW, allegedly was directly under Marshal Rokossowski's orders.

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[Redacted] Police No 9 had extraordinary power
and wore civilian clothing.

7. In April 1951, a Polish unit of battalion strength was seen marching into the east section of the large barracks installations east of Al. Stalingradzka and north of Eatuszowa in the Praga town district. The unit was armed with rifles and submachine guns. Polish soldiers were seen currying horses in the barracks yard.

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